

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0355) PROGRAMME – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many Sri Lankan nationals are currently in onshore detention?

Answer:

According to DIBP operational and systems data as at 15 November 2013, there were a total of 1791 Sri Lankan nationals in immigration detention facilities in Australia. Of these, 1775 were IMAs and 16 were visa compliance and unauthorised air arrivals.

Of the 1791 Sri Lankan nationals in immigration detention facilities in Australia, 994 of these were located in held detention facilities and 797 were located in community detention facilities.

* Figures are subject to change due to changes in circumstances such as citizenship.

** Figures are for all detainees encompassing various methods of arrival and dates of arrival.

*** The number of people in immigration detention changes on a daily basis. In this dynamic environment, there can be some lag time between action taken on the ground to transfer a client from a detention facility into community detention, release a client from immigration detention into the community following grant of a bridging visa or a protection visa, or remove a client from Australia and the recording of these milestones in DIBP systems.